

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/516,344 Confirmation No. 9502  
Applicant : Mertin et al.  
Filed : November 30, 2004  
Title : ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS  
COMPRISING ION EXCHANGE RESINS WITH ACTIVE SUBSTANCE  
LOADING AND PSEUDOPLASTIC GEL-FORMER THICKENERS  
Group Art Unit : 1618  
Examiner : Paul Dickinson

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2008, Applicants make the following Amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time and a request for continued examination are enclosed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims:** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments:** begin on page 4 of this paper.